(e) Does not arise in view of reply to part (d) above.

Model Quality Control Centre

869. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether IDBI has set up model quality control centres under the auspices of the Small Industries Development Fund;

(b) how many such centres were proposed initially;

(c) what was the assistance offered to the industry, associations, technical institutes or similar other organisations to set up such centres; and

(d) how many such centres have so far been set up and where they are located?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) It was initially envisaged that the Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) would help setting up of ten model common quality testing centres at different locations in the country where there were clusters of Small Scale Industries and the available facilities for quality testing were considered inadequate. While resources support by way of grant/soft term loans is made by IDBI for covering the cost of equipments and gadgets the sponsors are expected to provide land and building for housing the centres apart from taking the responsibility for running the centres. Already assistance of Rs. 1.8 crores is reported to have been sanctioned by the IDBI to 5 such centres namely one each at Coimbatore (Tamilnadu), Cochin (Kerala), Dhanbad (Bihar), Bhubaneshwar (Orissa) and Howrah (West Bengal).

Loan melas

870. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of loan melas which were organised in various parts of the country during the year 1987;

(b) what was the total amount distributed at these melas; and

(c) what is the number of beneficiaries who got loans at these melas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The present data reporting system of Reserve Bank of India does not yield information in the manner asked for, since central monitoring of credit camps is neither considered feasible not necessary. However, total outstanding advances of Public Sector Banks to Weaker Sections of society increased from Rs. 5382 crores as at the end of June 1986 to Rs. 6506 crores by the end of September 1987.

Scheme for self employment for educated youth

871. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a review conducted by the Indian Overseas Bank, according to which the Self-Employment Scheme for educated youth requires overhauling;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in this regard?